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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and in response to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2006 (Paper No. 040206) and the Advisory Action dated October 25, 2006 (Paper No. 20061023) for which a response was due on December 11, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.